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ACCURACY OF CRITICAL  
DIMENSIONS OF A GATE ELECTRODE  
USING CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ARC  
LAYER

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Because the filing date of the present application is after June 30, 2003, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not included.

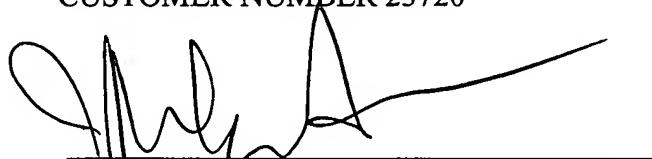
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(e)(1), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement, as evidenced by the date of the enclosed letter from our associate in Germany.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mike:

Regarding the above-referenced German patent application, please be informed that we have received a first Official Communication dated May 27, 2004 from the German Patent and Trademark Office, to which a response is due by **October 4, 2004**.

Please find enclosed a translated copy of the Official Communication citing 4 prior art documents and a copy of the cited documents, which we are forwarding to you so in accordance with USPTO disclosure requirements. Once we have studied the Official Communication and reported thereon to Paul Drake, we will contact you again.

Very truly yours,

(Anton Pfau)

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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